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1. A medical department has been organized in the Supply and Service Command subordinate to the headquarters commanding "volunteer" forces in Korea. This medical department controls 14 field hospitals, each with 6-12 doctors and 24-40 nurses, and 48 aid stations, each with 2-4 doctors and 12-20 nurses. There are 6 field hospitals, each adequate for one army, and 48 aid stations (averaging one per regiment) in North Korea.\*
2. Over 1,600 "volunteer" medical personnel are already on duty (not including medical personnel in the various army units), and over 400 more "volunteers" are waiting to be called into active service.
3. The Shanghai medical "volunteer" corps for Korea includes doctors and nurses from the East China army medical school... In mid-December 1950 the corps was with part of the 9 Army Group, 3 Field Army, fighting on the east front near Kilchu (129-20, 40-58). Detachments from Tientsin and Peiping were working at Taean (125-12, 40-10), Unsan (125-48, 39-58) and Onjong (125-54, 40-06) with troops originating in the Peiping-Tientsin area and composing the 20 Army Group. Units from the Northeast serve the 12 and 13 Army Groups, 4 Field Army. The Central and South China District will form its own units to serve the rest of the 4 Field Army.

\* Comment. The number of field hospitals and aid stations in North Korea indicate that the Chinese Communist combat strength there is between five and six armies.

Comment. See [redacted] report concerning medical care for Chinese casualties in Korea.

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